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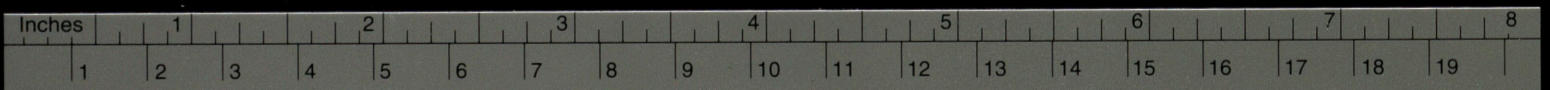


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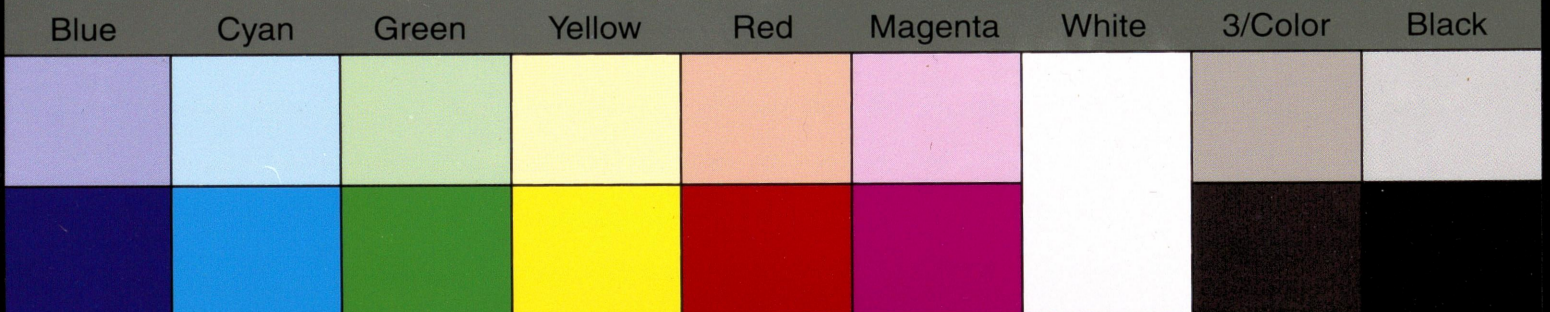
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April 26th Sunday: Slide illustrated talk on Wildlife of Karnataka by Mr.S.G.Neginhal, IFS (ret'd) at 6 pm venue: 143, II floor, Kamala Mansion, Opp. The Hindu, Infantry road, Bangalore - 560 001. This program is jointly organised with WWF-India.

QUIZ :Answer to March '98 The shrike which winters in Bangalore is Brown Shrike Prize Winner: T.N.Ramamani  
Quizzzzzz for April '98: Name any three birds which make their own nest hole in trees.

Operation Magpie Robin: As a part of the project to put up nest boxes for Magpie Robin, after a survey of the locations in Bangalore, we have come across the species in Lalbagh, Cubbon Park (rare), Sadashivnagar, I.I.Sc campus, Vasanthnagar, Palace orchards, Raman Research Institute, Kalkere arboretum, Malleshwaran and Bannerghatta. If you have come across this species in other areas of Bangalore, please let us know as we are loosing this bird even in many of the above areas.

Watch for these trees in bloom in March/April: Mango, Jacaranda, Yellow Tabebuia, Yello Dolly, Rain tree, ChampaK, Potato Tree, Temple tree, Rose Tabebuia, Gul Mohur, Copper pod, Pride of India, Purple Bauhinia, Manure tree, Noble Amheritia (Lalbagh, Sadashivnagar), Cannon Ball tree and Flame of the Forest.

Following is the extracts of Bird notes for Karnataka from PITTA # 84, April 1998 Bulletin of the Birdwatchers' Society of Andhra Pradesh

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BANGALORE DISTRICT

Bangalore City

PARIAH KITE 16.03: CB incubating? (SK); SMALL GREEN BARBET 16.03: POB suspected N (SK); REDWHISKERED BULBUL 15.03: (PAU).

Ramamunthynagar

HOUSE SPARROW 16.03: PRB building N (BP).

Silvepura

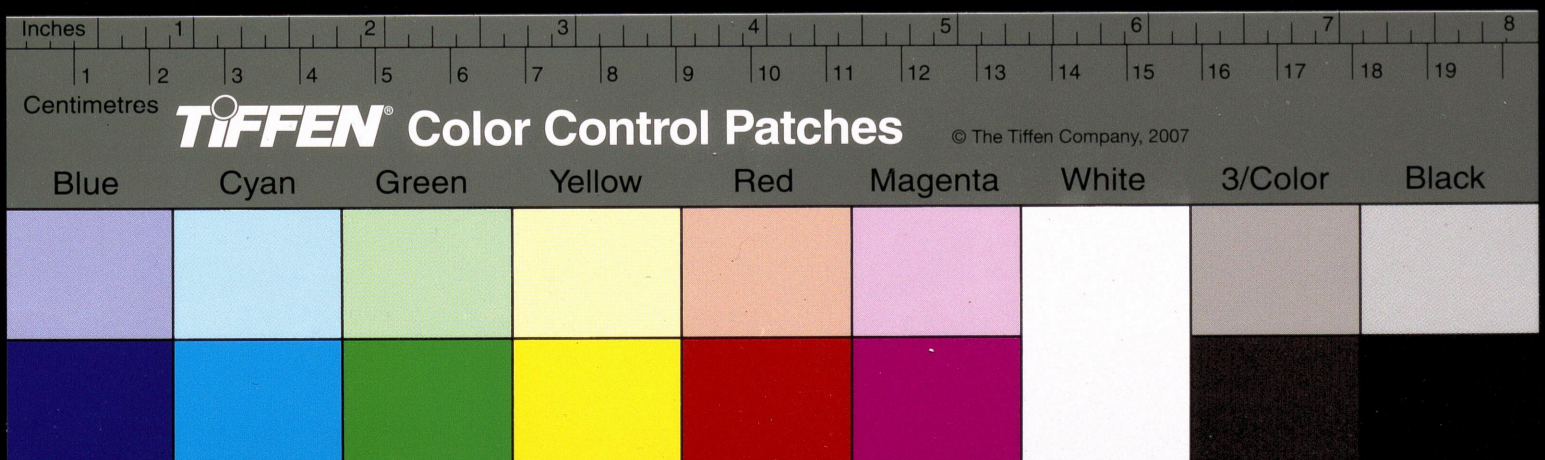
SMALL GREEN BARBET 25.02: CB (PSJ); MAGPIE ROBIN 23.02: CB, N with 3 eggs (CEJL).

Yelahanka 13.03 (BSP)

LARGE PIED WAGTAIL CB (probably Incubating).

BIJAPUR DISTRICT

? 04.01 (CTH) COMMON BUSTARD-QUAIL.



MANDYA DISTRICT

Shettihalli Heronry 08.03 (JNP, AmP)

Heronry on a few Fig trees on the busy Bangalore-Mysore highway. LITTLE CORMORANT CB, N; GREY HERON CB, 7 N (3 Nest building / reinforcing ?; 3 N with yng); NIGHT HERON CB, 4 N (2 imm).

Thailur tank 08.03

GREY PELICAN 17 fishing (JNP); PAINTED STORK 8 (JNP, AmP); BLACK IBIS 19 (JNP); BLACKTAILED GODWIT 43 (JNP, AmP); GREENSHANK 20+ (JNP); WHISKERED TERN 2 (UHK); BLACKBELLIED TERN 1 (UHK); BLUETAILED BEE-EATER 4 hawking dragonflies (JNP, AmP).

MYSORE DISTRICT

Ranganathitto Bird Sanctuary 14.03 (EHR)

SPOONBILL CB, 1N with 3 yng.

SHIMOGA DISTRICT

Bhadra River Project (SK)

ASHY CROWNED FINCH LARK 10.02: PRB courting pair.; TICKELL'S FLOWERPECKER PRB N building 11.02; YELLOW THROATED SPARROW 10.02.

TUMKUR DISTRICT

Devarayanadurga State Forest 01.03 (SK/JNP)

YELLOWTHROATED BULBUL PRB a pair peeling pieces/fibres off dry lantana bush and carrying them in their bill to a dense un-id., bush; BLUE ROCK THRUSH 1 M.

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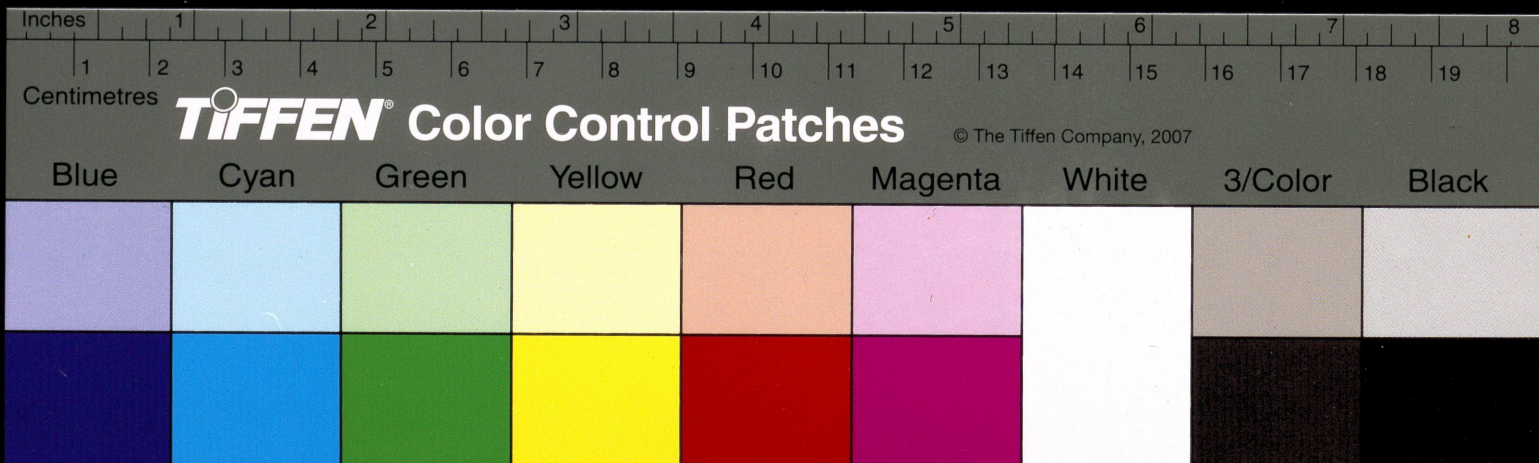
NOTES:

- "The song may be heard sporadically all through the winter." [Handbook]
- In Pitta # 83 p. 4, Hair-crested Bongo at Bannerghatta N.P. (Bangalore Dist., Karnataka) was seen on flowering Eucalyptus sp., and Spathodea campanulata tree
- earlier Cochin.
- earlier Trivandrum.
- earlier Trichur.
- Not a common bird in Madhya Pradesh. Sometimes confused with Bluethroated Flycatcher, when tail pattern is clinching evidence. (VS)

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August <sup>23</sup>~~9~~ <sup>4<sup>th</sup></sup> (2nd sunday): Birdwatching at Lalbagh at 7.30 am Meet us at Lalbagh glass house. Vehicle parking recommended at Double road gate. Outing will last for 3 hours.

August <sup>9</sup>~~23~~ <sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup> (4th sunday): Birdwatching at University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) Hebbal Campus on Bellary (Hyderabad road). Meet us at 8 am near the at the entrance. Outing will last for about 3 hours.

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Quizzzz:

Answer for July '98 quiz:

The three Leopards found in India are Clouded Leopard, Snow Leopard and the Leopard. The Prize winner is Mr.M.Naveen.

Quizzz questions for August '98:

Name the famous Husband and Wife team who fought to save the endangered large cats of Africa. They both were murdered by poachers. The books written by the Wife were made into feature films which was named after one of the cats and it became a box office hit.

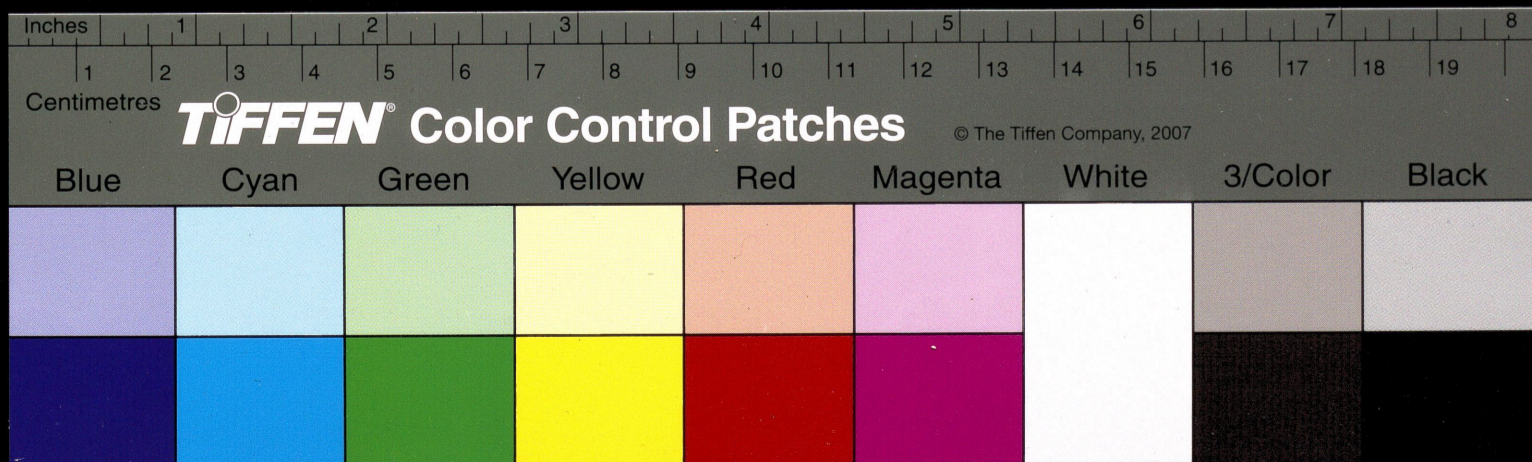
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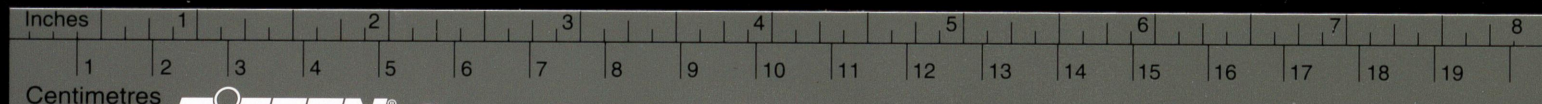




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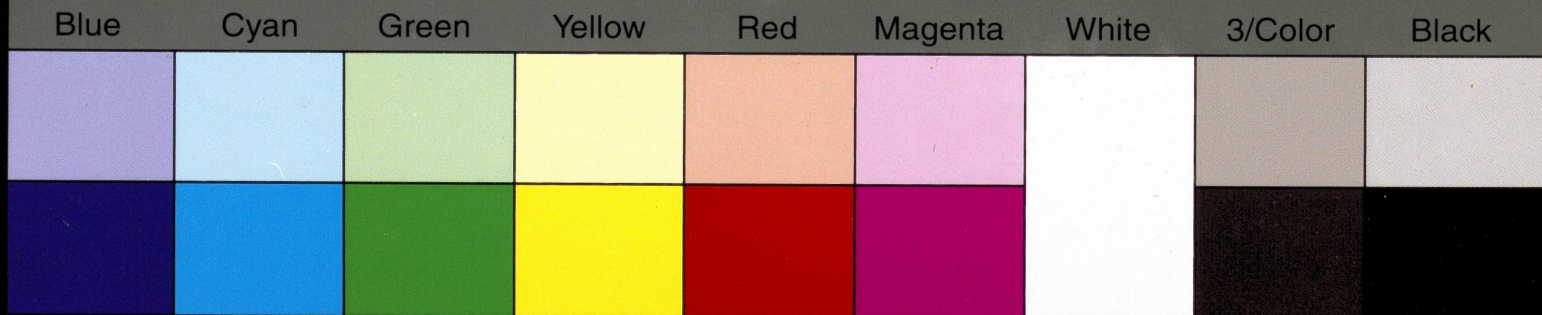


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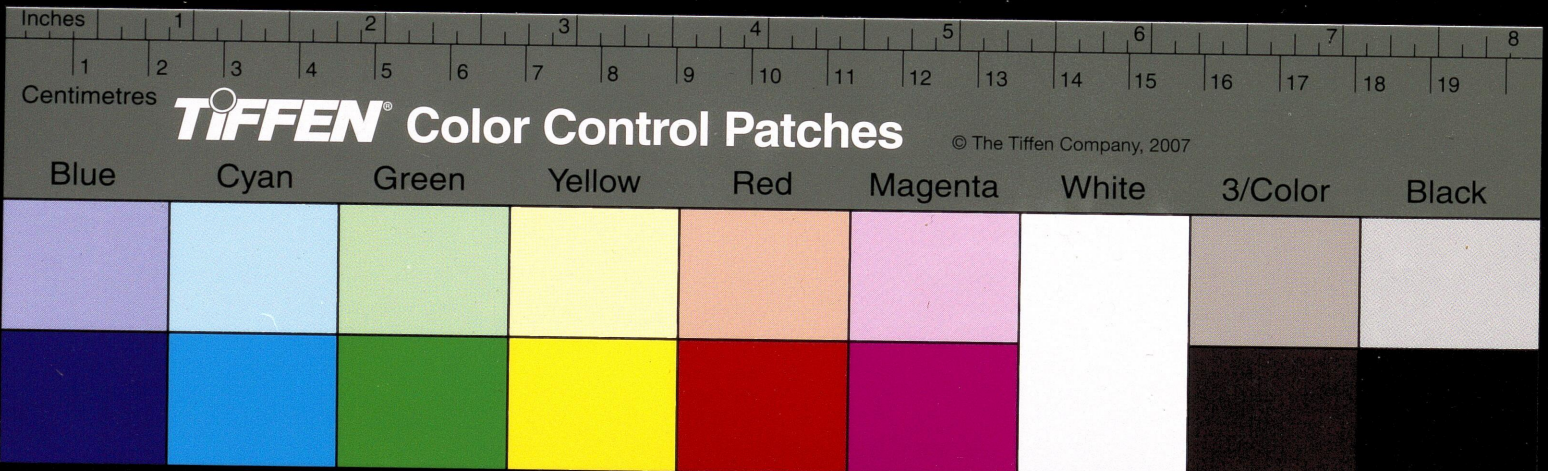
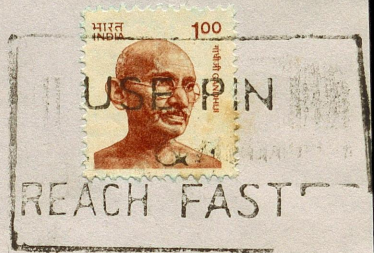
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June 14 (2nd sunday): Birdwatching at Kadugodi Forest Department nursery
(opp. to Information Technology park) on White Field road, meet us at 8 am
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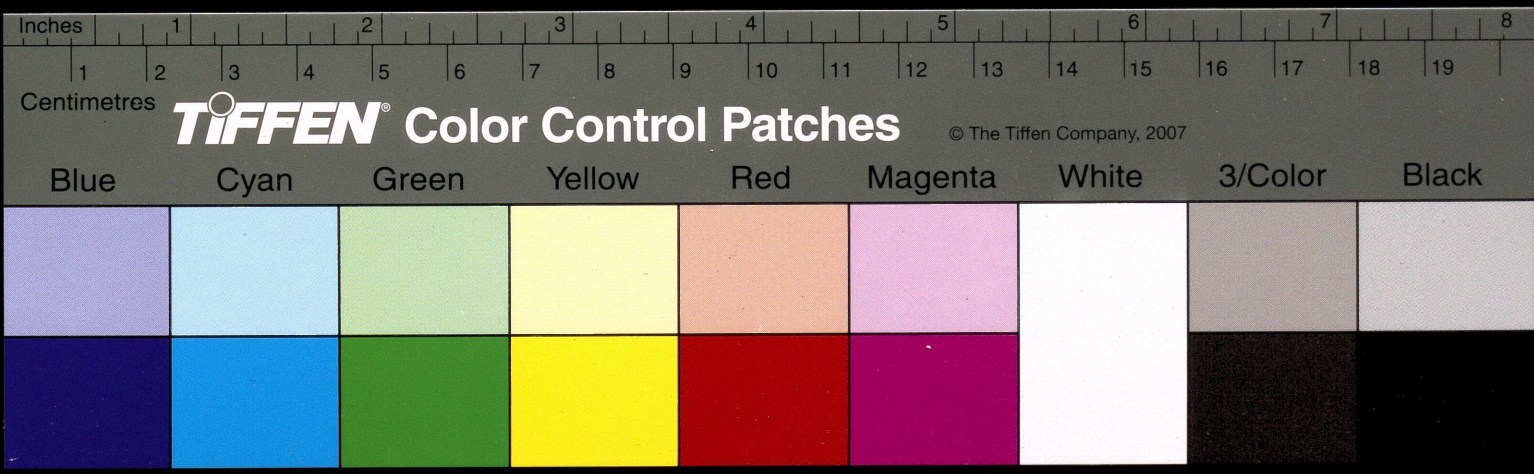
Quizzzz:
Clarification regarding the answer to April '98 quiz wherein, we had asked
for: Name any three birds which make their own nest hole in trees - All
Barbets and woodpeckers. Many had answered Parakeets and Hoopoe which is
not correct as they are secondary hole nesters and their beaks are not
designed for excavating holes. Ms Saroj Kiyawat wrote to us, according to
Book of Indian birds by Salim Ali, Parakeets often excavate their own holes
-yes in a way they do by gnawing or pulling off the fibres but their beaks
are not designed to excavate holes like the Barbets or Woodpeckers to
chizzle their way through the tree stump.

Answer for May '98 quiz:
1) Tickell's flowerpecker is the smallest bird in Bangalore
2) The species of birds which practice brood parasitism that is, they lay
eggs in another birds nest - Koel, Plaintive Cuckoo, Indian Cuckoo, Pied
Crested Cuckoo, Brainfever bird (most members of the Cuckoo Family except
the Malkohas, Sirkeer Cuckoo and Coucals which build their own nest)-
Prize winner: Ms.Saroj Kiyawat.

Quizzz questions for June '98:
Which is the largest venomous and non venomous snake in the world? Name
the two Venomous lizards in the world.

Operation Magpie Robin:
Great News ! we are very pleased to inform that, out of the 113 nest boxes
put up this season, one box put up at Sadashivnagar near Sankey tank has
been used by a pair of Magpie Robins, which successfully raised three
young ones (reported by Lakshmi Srivatsan/Feroza Sinha). Another box put up
at Silverapura is being used by a pair of Grey Tits (reported by Somu
Sahi). One more pair of Grey Tits at United Theological College have been
showing interest in the nest box put up by us, we hope they may nest there
(reported by Devcharan Jathanna).

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## ANDHRA PRADESH

## CHITTOOR DISTRICT

## Rishi Valley (SR) 11.3

LITTLE EGRET POB, 3 in br., plm; COLLARED SCOPS OWL 1; MOTTLED WOOD OWL 1; GREY DRONGO 2; PARADISE FLYCATCHER 1 F; WHITETHROATED GROUND THRUSH 1; LARGE PIED WAGTAIL CB, 2 ad., 2 yng.

## HYDERABAD DISTRICT

## Banjara Hills

SPOTTED DOVE 9.5: CB, N with 3 eggs in bougainvillea, 1 laid on consecutive days. 11.5: N destroyed by strong wind. 13.5 PRB, pair const., N in same place (SAT); PLAINTIVE CUCKOO 25.4: 1 F, hepatic phase. Hawking insects like flycatchers, from top of tree (AP); BLACKNAPED BLUE FLYCATCHER 22.4: 1 F hunting inside canopy of fruiting mango tree (AP).

## Hyderabad City (HJ)

SHIKRA 2.3: Sunning on ground.; REDHEADED MERLIN 6.5: 1 at Imliban Bus Stand (Central bus stand).

## KARNATAKA

## BANGALORE DISTRICT

## Bangalore City

BRAHMINY KITE 29.4: 1 imm., N destroyed by heavy rain on 25.4, United Theological College (JNP); SCAVENGER VULTURE 12.2: 2, St. Joseph's College (JNP); SMALL GREEN BARBET 29.4: POB, United Theological College (DJ); INDIAN MYNA 29.4: POB, 1 N (JNP); JUNGLE MYNA 29.4: POB, 4 N (JNP); BLACK HEADED CUCKOO SHRIKE 29.4: United Theological College (JNP); MAGPIE ROBIN 9.5: CB, N in N-box, Sadashivnagar (FS); GREY TIT 21.4: 2 inspecting N-box (JNP).

## Kadugodi/Whitefield Area (KVS)

PARIAH KITE 17.4: CB, N with 1 nestling; REDWATTLED LAPWING 14.4: CB, N with 4 eggs, incubating; SPOTTED OWLET 30.4; WHITEBREASTED KINGFISHER 29.4: CB, ad., feeding nestlings; ROLLER 16.4: CB, ad., feeding nestlings; HOPOE 17.4: CB, ad., feeding 2 yng., outside N; CRIMSONBREASTED BARBET 17.4: CB, incubating; SMALL GREEN BARBET 16.4: CB, ad., feeding nestlings; SINGING BUSH LARK 20.4: CB, N with 4 nestlings fed by ad.; WIRETAILED SWALLOW 26.4: CB, N const.; REDRUMPED SWALLOW 20.4: PRB, N const.; BLACK DRONGO 18.4: CB, incubat-

ing; INDIAN MYNA 18.4: N bldg; JUNGLE MYNA 18.4: N bldg; TREE PIE 17.4: CB, incubating; JUNGLE CROW 26.4: CB, incubating; WHITEBROWED BULBUL 18.4: CB, N with 1 egg & 1 nestling. Ad., feeding yng; INDIAN ROBIN 22.4 CB, N with 1 nestling & 2 eggs, ad., incubating; PADDYFIELD PIPIT 26.4: CB, 1 N with 2 eggs, ad., incubating; LARGE PIED WAGTAIL 26.4: CB, ad., feeding yng; HOUSE SPARROW 15.4: POB, incubating; WHITETHROAT-ED MUNIA 14.4 CB, N with 7 eggs, incubating.

## Indiranagar (VK)

HOPOE 5.4: (becoming very rare in Bangalore) National Institute of Advanced Studies; SMALL GREEN BARBET 16.4: CB, ad., feeding fledgling with Singapore Cherry.

## Sadashivnagar (AmP)

NIGHT HERON 1.5: CB, 15 with imm., at heronry nearer Sankey Tank. Many const., N.; PIED CRESTED CUCKOO 1 golf course.

## Vasanthnagar (RK, JH, C, JNP)

Magpie Robin 26.4: POB, M Singing & frequently visiting a chimney pipe.

## Badamanavarthe State Forest/Valley School 10.5

BLACKHEADED CUCKOO-SHRIKE tail moulting (JNP); BLACK DRONGO PRB, ad., carrying N-mat (MRR); PURPLE SUNBIRD CB, F feeding 2 yng in N in Eresid spiders colony c. 3' from ground (JG)

## KOLAR DISTRICT

LESSER PIED KINGFISHER 3.4: 11 on a wire (VK).

## MANDYA DISTRICT 29.3 (PCG, DK)

## Kokrebellur Bird Sanctuary

GREY PELICAN 13 orphaned/injured nestlings saved at Kokrebellur pelican pen by volunteers of Hejarle Balaga (Pelican Conservation Group).

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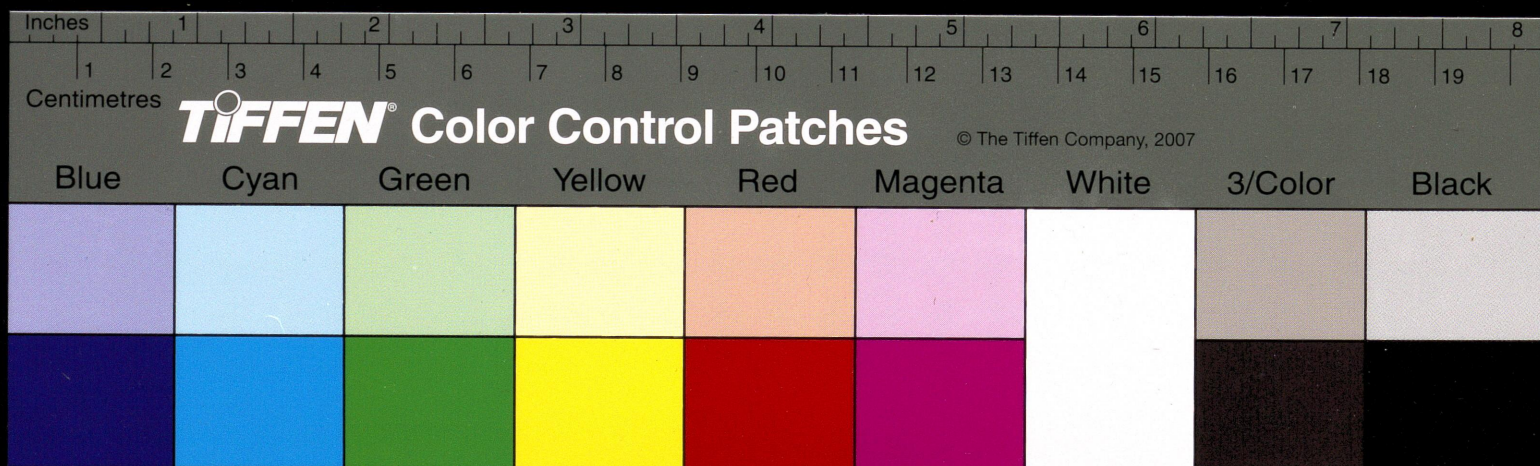
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Quizzzz:
Answer for June '98 quiz:
The largest venomous snake in the world is King Cobra (for more details read the latest issue of Merlin Quarterly Vol.10 no.2 and the largest non venomous snake is the Reticulated Python of India and Burma. The two venomous lizards of the world are Gila monster and Mexican Beaded Lizard, both occur in Central America. We have no venomous lizards in India. - Quiz master retains the prize as no correct answers received received this time.

Quizz questions for July '98:
Name the three kinds of Leopards we have in India.

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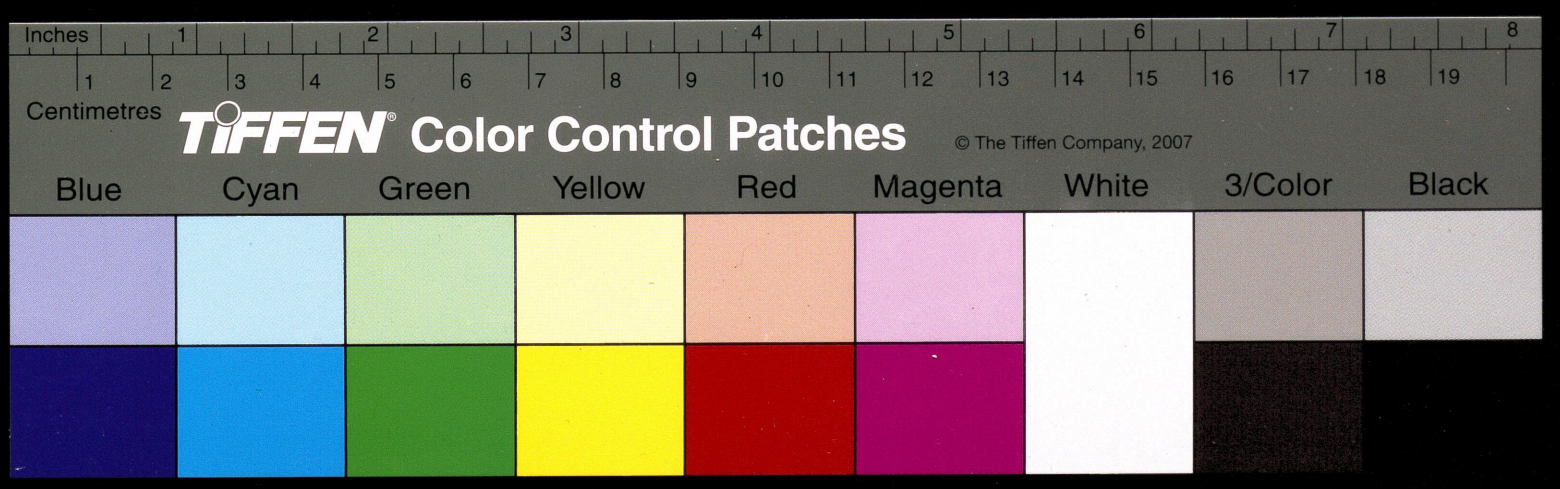
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DARTER 20.5: 1 over Ulsoor Tank with cormorants (RA); COUCAL 11.4: PRB, N under const., was destroyed by Bonnet Macaques Macaca radiata; SMALL GREEN BARBET 2.5: CB, entering N (in Tulip Tree Spathodea campanulata) with food (SK); INDIAN MYNA 22.5: POB, 2 N 1 carrying feather into N & other entering N hole (SK); REDWHISKERED BULBUL 28.5: CB, 1 N with 3 chicks, 4' up in bush (sp. ?) (AP, AmP); WHITE-EYE 17.5: CB, incubating 3 pale blue eggs in N suspended about c.4' up Silver Oak Grewelia robusta (PSM).; SPOTTED MUNIA 28.5: PRB, with N-mat., (AP,AmP). Cubbon Park, Bangalore city 24.5 (AP, AmP) SMALL GREEN BARBET CB, N., c., 20' up on underside of branch. Ad., bringing insect (sp. ?) to N; JUNGLE CROW PRB, 1 with N-mat.. Magadi Road (TNAP) BARN OWL 24.11.1997: CB, N in Neem tree Azadirachta indica hollow. 4 eggs. 3 fledged during 1st week of Feb 1998. Ad., fed rats (sp. ?) & Grey Musk Shrew Suncus murinus to yng; COLLARED SCOPS OWL 12.1997: CB, N with 1 egg; SPOTTED OWLET 12.1997: Ad., carrying food to N.



BIJAPUR DISTRICT (RBN)

Ghataprabha River basin 21.4

LARGE EGRET 2 ad.; POND HERON c. 50 ad.; LITTLE EGRET c. 100+ ad.; WHITE IBIS 3 ad.; SPOTBILL DUCK 2 ad. Mudhol Town BLACK IBIS 7.5: CB, 2 ad., on N atop Mango Mangifera indica; YELLOW-WATTLED LAPWING 30.5: CB, 1 ad., with 1 yng; MOTTLED WOOD OWL 29,30.4: 3 ad., on neem tree; GREY HORNBILL 20.4: 3; BRAHMINY MYNA 30.4: POB, near hollow in tree.

MYSORE DISTRICT

Nagarahole National Park

GREAT BLACK WOODPECKER 5.1998: 1 (PSM).

Talvekere Tank 22.5 (AP, AmP, VB)

GREY PELICAN 7; DARTER 2; GREY HERON 1; PURPLE HERON 1; CATTLE EGRET POB, in br., plm; PAINTED STORK 6; WHITE IBIS 3; BLACK IBIS 13.

SHIMOGA DISTRICT (RBN)

Anandapuram Village, Sagar Taluk 21.5

POND HERON 20; LITTLE EGRET 50+. POB, in br., plm; PURPLE MOORHEN 10.

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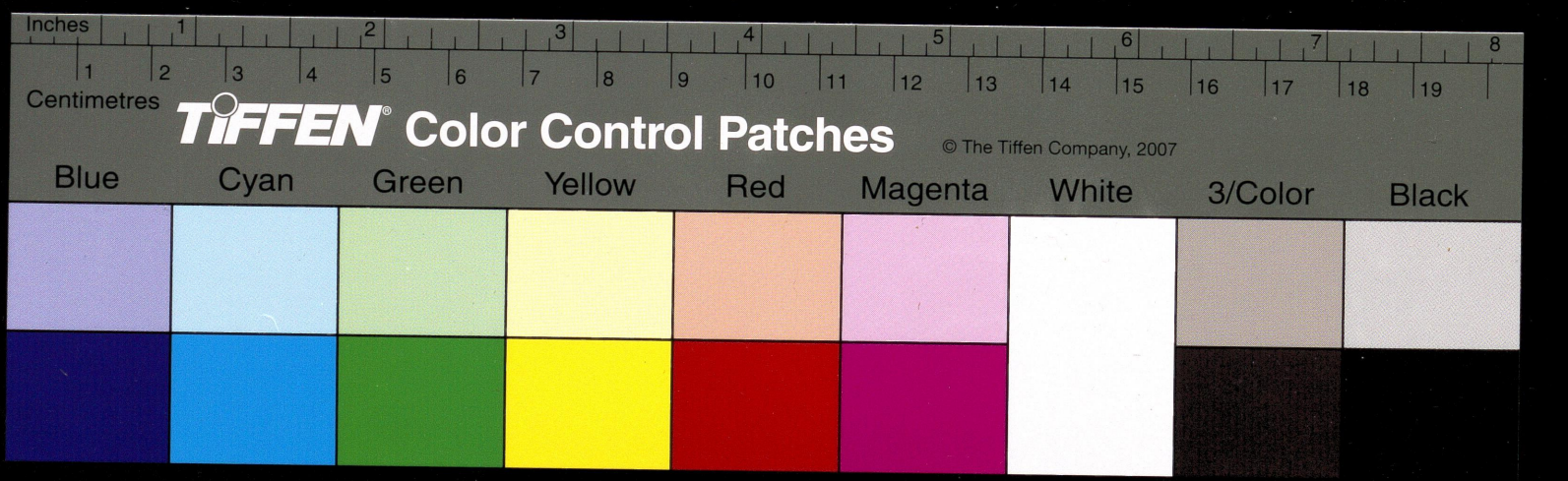
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Answer to April '98 quiz: Name any three birds which make their own nest hole in trees - All Barbets and woodpeckers. Many have answered Parakeets and Hoopoe which is not correct as they are secondary hole nesters and their beaks are not designed for excavating holes. Prize winner: Mr.Vijay Kiyawat.

Quizzzz for May '98:
1) Which is the smallest bird in Bangalore
2) Name the any three species of birds which practice brood parasitism that is, they lay eggs in another birds nest.

Operation Magpie Robin: Additional reports of locations of Magpie Robin have been received - Whitefield/Kadugodi, UAS, GKVK, United Theological College campus, Jayamahal.

Watch for these trees in bloom in May: Mango, Yello Dolly, Champak, Potato Tree, Temple tree, Gul Mohur, Copper pod, Pride of India, Purple Bauhinia, Manure tree, Cannon Ball tree and Pink Cassias

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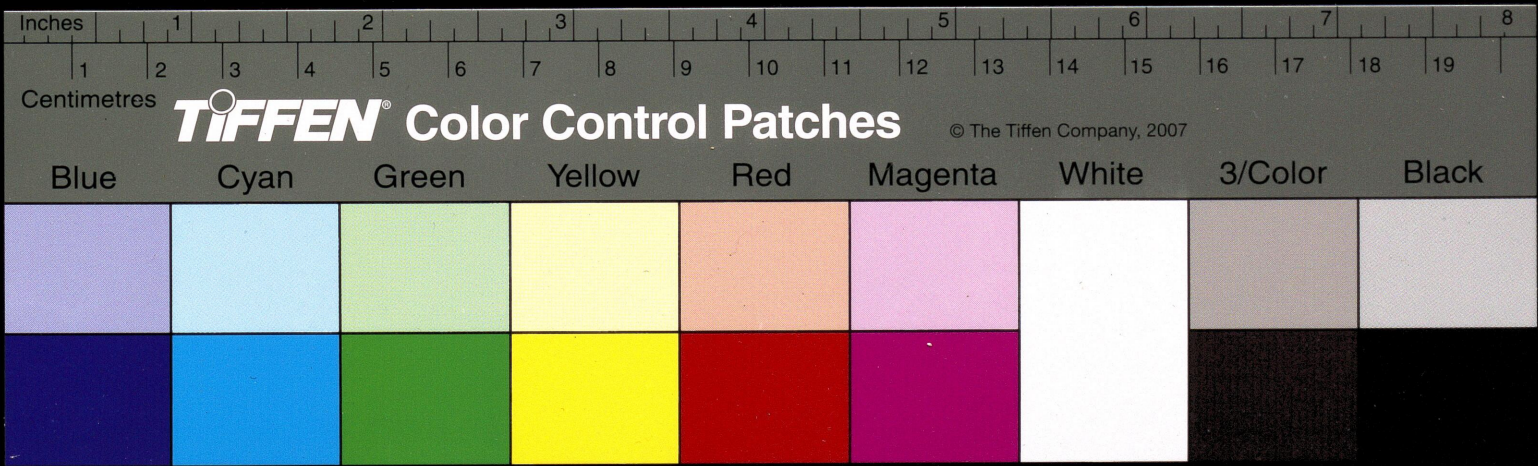
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Bannerghatta National Park (HS)
SMALL MINIVET 12.9.1997: CB, N with 2 eggs. 20.9.1997: CB, ad., feeding 2 chicks; 26.9.1997: 2 fledgeling (F) flew out of N.; LARGE PIED WAGTAIL 27.3 CB, ad., feeding yng. 12.4 PRB, ad., carrying N-mat., to another site between two rocks in the same area (same pair?); PURPLE-RUMPED SUNBIRD 5.3: CB, N with 2 eggs. Later N destroyed by coucal, which probably ate the eggs; PURPLE SUNBIRD 5.3: CB, N in Eresid sp. spider's colony, ad., feeding yng.

Bangalore City
SMALL GREEN BARBET 3.4: CB, ad., carrying food (JNP); INDIAN MYNA 1.4: PRB, N building on telephone pole (JNP). 7.4: PRB, N building on electric pole.



15.4: PRB, on telephone pole (JNP).; JUNGLE MYNA 15.4: PRB, N building on peepal tree (JNP); HOUSE SPARROW 11.4: CB, N (FS). 13.4 PRB, mating (SK); Kaggalipura: Ramaiah Farm 12.4 (JNP) JUNGLE CROW CB, N.; Lalbagh 12.4 ROSEINGED PARAKEET feeding on Parkia biglandulosa pods (JNP); SMALL GREEN BARBET PRB, 2 N on rain tree; JUNGLE MYNA PRB, carrying N-matl (JNP,UHK); BLUEHEADED ROCK THRUSH 1 F (NRS); LARGE PIED WAGTAIL CB, 2 imm & 1 ad., (JNP,UHK); Ulsoor Tank 9.4 (DJ) LITTLE GREBE 10; CORMORANTS 20+ sp?; PIED KINGFISHER 2 rare in this disturbed & polluted tank; United Theological College PARIAH KITE 10.4: POB, on Ficus benjamina tree (DJ); SPOTTED OWLETS 15.3: roosting, have replaced collared scops owl (?); SMALL GREEN BARBET 19.4: CB, N on gulmohur tree, ad., carrying food (DJ); INDIAN MYNA possible nesting; JUNGLE MYNA CB, 2 N. Ad., carrying food (DJ,JNP); MAGPIE ROBIN 12.4: PRB, F carrying N-matl, M singing (ORK);

Karadikal State Forest (Bannerghatta NP range) 10.4: (JNP, NRS, MBK, MRR) PAINTED SANDGROUSE 1 F, on road-side in scrub forest. New record for Bangalore; Thally Reserve Forest 10.4 (NRS, MBK, NRS, MRR) COMMON IORA PRB, M singing/disp., to F carrying N-matl; MAGPIE ROBIN POB, M singing.

Yedamadu village 27.3-3.4 (HS)

MAGPIE ROBIN CB, N 10 up a papaya tree in chikkoo orchard with 2 yng & 2 unhatched eggs. 2 yng fledged out successfully.

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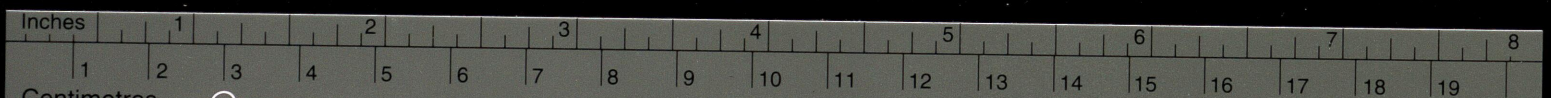
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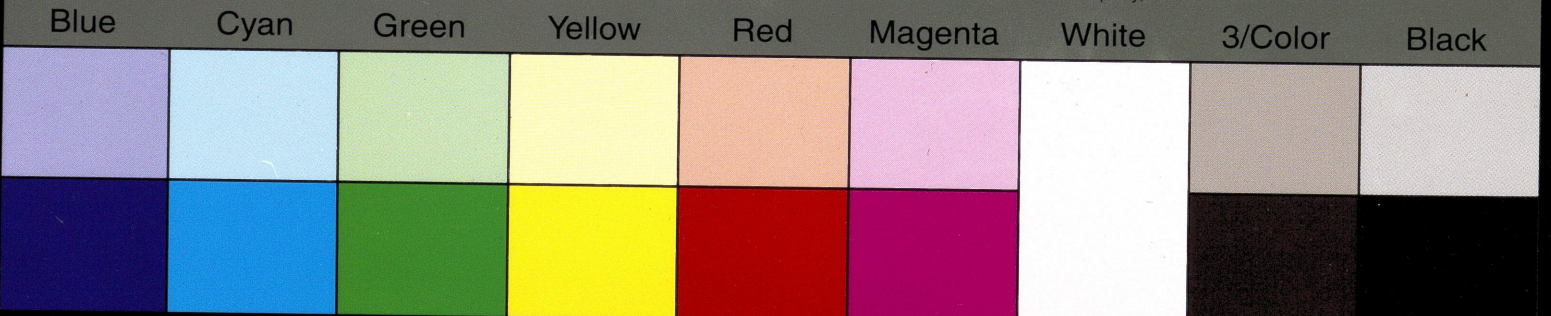


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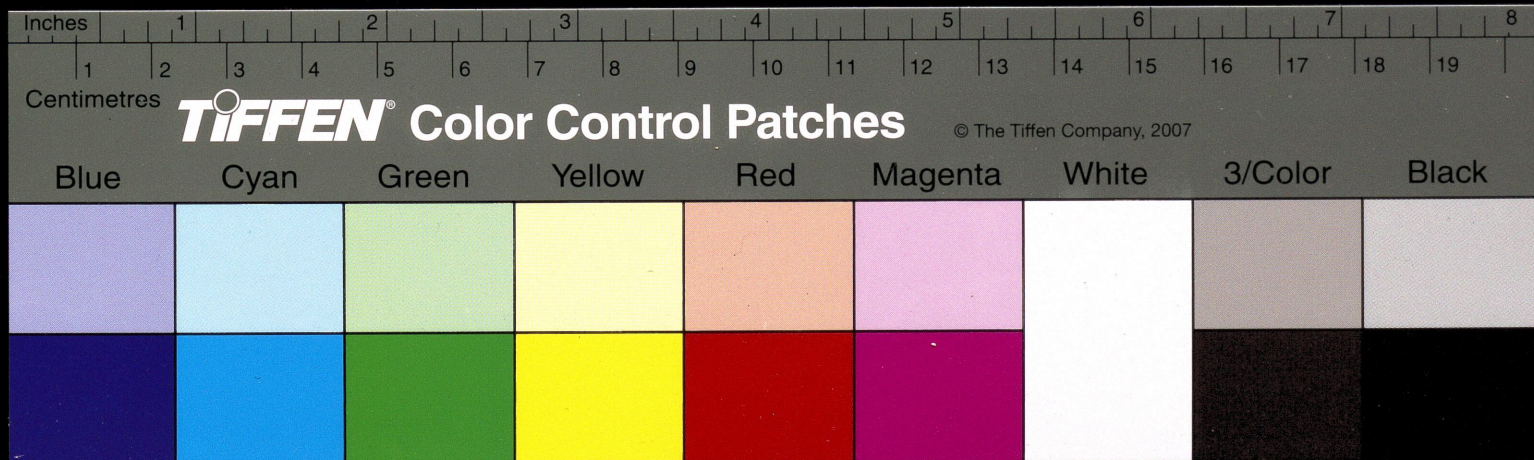
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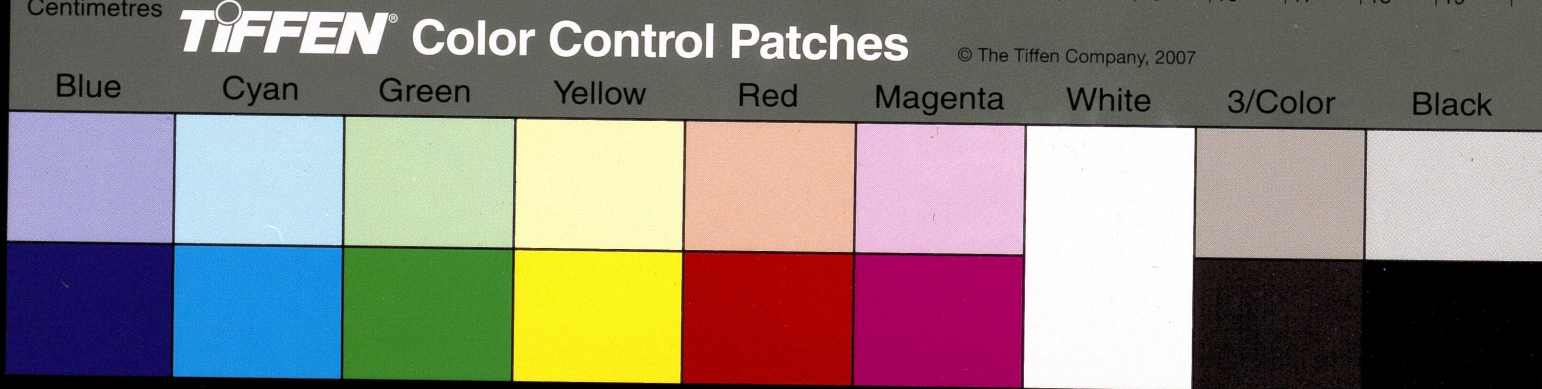
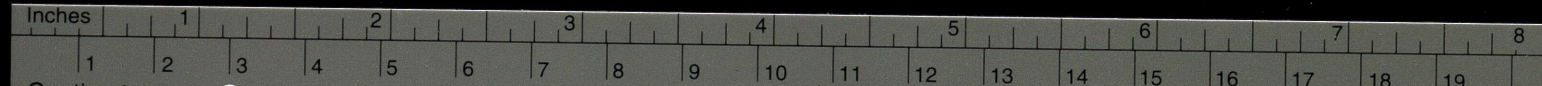


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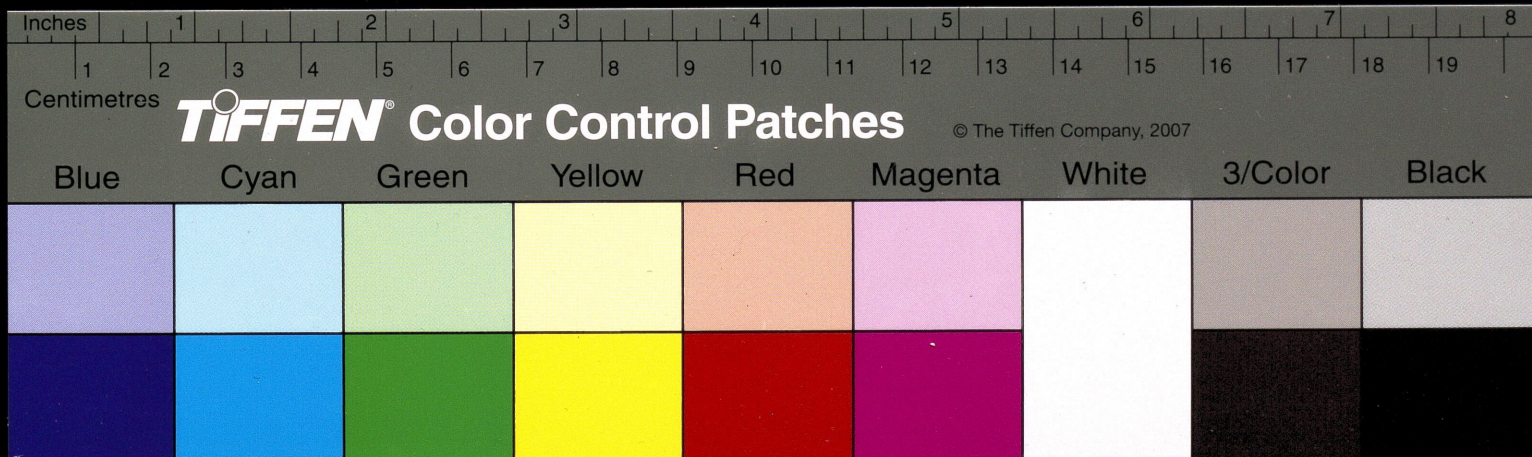
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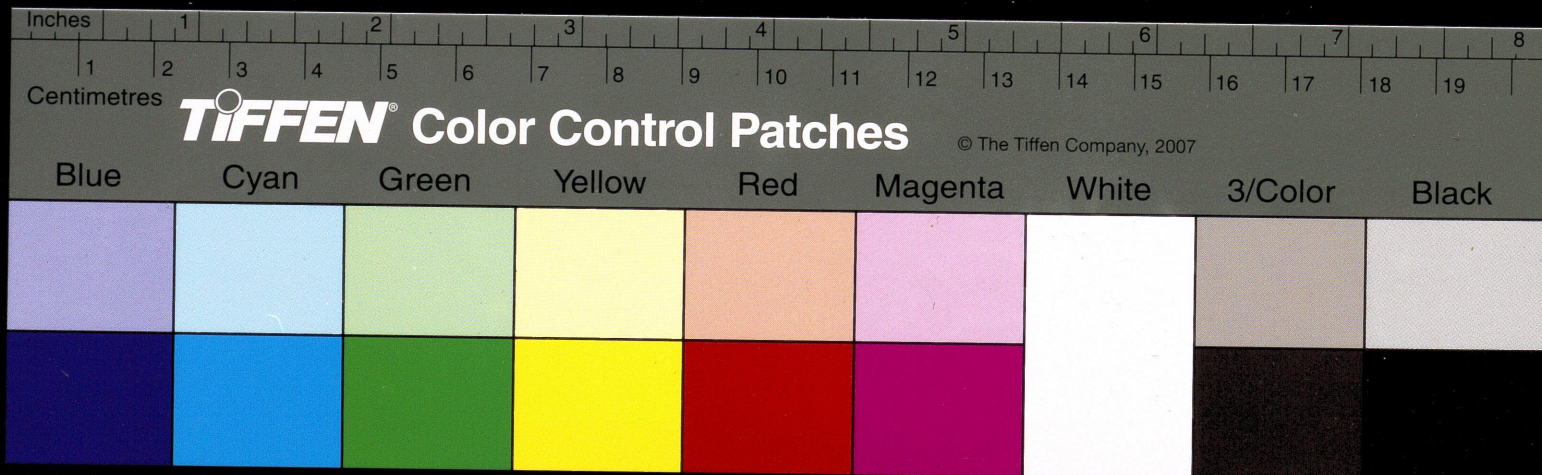
Answer to Oct'98 Quiz:
In most of the birds where male and female of a species, can easily be identified by the colours, it is usually the male, which is more colourful. The reason is simple - typically the male needs to woo the female .. so a more attractive display of itself can win attention. When the the nestlings/eggs are being looked after (usually by the female) in most cases, the female needs to blend with the surroundings so that it doesn't attract attention. However, an exception in Painted Snipe, it is the female who is more colourful as she is poly androus & it is the duty of the drab coloured male to incubate and take care of the young ones. By the way, has this species disappeared from Bangalore ? Prize winner: R.Aravind

Quizzzz for Nov'98:
Name the author of Book of Indian Animals and the series Catwatching, Man-watching, Naked Ape, Human Zoo, Bodywatching, Human nestbuilders etc.

Watch for these trees in bloom: Yellow Dolly, Noble Amhertsia, Potato Tree, Temple tree, Copper pod, Colville's Glory, Purple Bauhinia, Cannon Ball tree, Bottle Brush, Tulip tree, Siam Cassia, Spectacular Cassia and Indian Cork Tree (usually a tall tree with fragrant white dangling flowers)

Pelican update: Spot-billed Pelicans have started arriving at Kokkre Bellur to continue their annual ritual of building nests and raising the young, in this remarkable village, where they are nesting in so close quarters to the human inhabitation. This species is barely managing to survive, despite heavy pollution of tanks and rivers with pesticides and pressures on the few surviving trees for fuel wood & fodder. Inspite of fighting a losing battle to help save this species, pioneering efforts of Dr.S.Subramanya in designing and erecting an artificial platform for these pelicans is really commendable. Three years ago a platform was erected at the Bannerghatta National Park aviary by him with the permission of the Karnataka Forest Department, who had least hope that it would work. It paid results last year with two nest being built and young ones had succesfully fledged out. This year again there are five nests on this platform. We hope Forest department shall agree to our requests to expand this captive breeding programme, to successfully breed more of this endangered species for releasing in to the wild. Volunteers who are willing to help in projects such as these may please contact Dr.Subramanya.

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## HYDERABAD DISTRICT

## Hyderabad City 9.10

INDIAN PITTA Procured from bird market, ringed and released<sup>1</sup>. CB, another, with brood-patch from market, ringed and released (HJ, HT).

## MEDAK DISTRICT

## ICRISAT Campus (SQ)

MONTAGU'S HARRIER 14.9; MARSH HARRIER: 7.9: 2. 14.9: 7; KESTREL 6.10: 1; WATER COCK 22.8: 1 seen, also hrd calling, rice paddies; PHEASANT-TAILED JACANA 22.8: 1 in rice paddies; GREEN SANDPIPER: 22.8: 1, 28.8: 5 in rice paddies; WOOD SANDPIPER 21,22.8: c. 40 per day; 28.8: c. 20 in rice paddies; RUFF 28.8: 1 in rice paddies; BLACKWINGED STILT 6.10: 5; SANDGROUSE sp? 10-15 overhead; call, a nasal "chur-chur" or "chitur-chitur"; LITTLE BROWN DOVE 10.9: CB, 1 N with 3 eggs; SIRKEER CUCKOO 20.8, 3.9: 1; ASHY SWALLOW SHRIKE 7.9: 7; BAYBACKED SHRIKE 28.9: 14; RUFIOUSBACK-ED SHRIKE 28.9; BROWN SHRIKE 28.9: 24; YELLOW-EYED BABBLER 28.8: flock, & 1 singing; STREAKED FANTAIL WARBLER 10.9: 2 N, 1 with 5 eggs, & 1 under const.; PLAIN WREN WARBLER 10.9: CB, 2 N with 4 eggs and 4 chicks, resp.; ASHY WREN WARBLER 5.9: CB ad., feeding 4 fledglings. 9.9: CB, 3 N with 4 eggs, 5 eggs and 3 chicks resp.; PURPLERUMPED SUNBIRD 10.9: CB, 1 N with 2 hatchlings; RED MUNIA 5.10: CB, 1 N with 7 eggs; BLACKHEADED MUNIA 23.9: CB, pair in N.

## KURNOOL DISTRICT

## Rollapadu Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary (KL, SQ, A)

PAINTED STORK: 25.8: 2; SPOTBILL DUCK: 26.8: PRB, 1 flying with broken eggshell & dropping it. Also several seen; MONTAGU'S HARRIER 25.8: 1 M; GREAT INDIAN BUSTARD 17-23.8: entire sanctuary scanned 2 evenings. 9 F, 2 M (1<sup>st</sup> evening), 5 F, 5 M (2<sup>nd</sup>); LESSER FLORICAN: 2 M disp.; INDIAN COURSER 24,25.8: c. 50; GREENSHANK 25.8: hrd; COMMON INDIAN NIGHTJAR hrd; BLUETAILED BEE-EATER: 24.8.

## RANGAREDDI DISTRICT

## A.P. Police Academy 6.9 (AP)

PIED CRESTED CUCKOO; IORA CB, 1 M incubating.

## Balarpur (Near Midhani) 10.10 (ILJ)

COMMON HAWK-CUCKOO CB, 1 chick being fed by Whiteheaded Babbler! WHITEHEADED BABBLER CB, foster parents of Common Hawk-Cuckoo which they were feeding.

## Shamirpet Kanchas 11.10 (RM)

JACK SNIPE; MONTAGU'S HARRIER; PALE HARRIER; RED TURTLE-DOVE; SYKES' CRESTED LARK; BLACK REDSTART

## GOA

## NORTH GOA DISTRICT

## Chapora River (Mouth of the) 18.8 (HL)

HERRING GULL 1 ad.; GREAT BLACKHEADED GULL POB, 4 br., plm; WHITEWINGED BLACK TERN moulting into winter plm; GULLBILLED TERN 6; COMMON TERN 1 ad.; ROSEATE TERN POB, 30+ br., plm; WHITECHEEKED TERN 60+, 80% imm.; LITTLE TERN 6+ non-br., plm; LARGE CRESTED TERN POB, 4 br., plm; LESSER CRESTED TERN 60+; SANDWICH TERN 125+ non-br., plm.

## MAHARASHTRA

## NASHIK DISTRICT (BR, SG, RG)

## Gangapur Dam

BLACK IBIS 16.8: 24. 1 feeding on a Garden Lizard *Calotis versicolor*; SPOONBILL 27.8: PRB, 2 in br., plm; FLAMINGO 2.8: 150; PAINTED PARTRIDGE 5-18.8: PRB, M singing all around; RAIN QUAIL 30.8: PRB, M singing; JUNGLE BUSH QUAIL 30.8: CB, 2 ad., 4 eggs; INDIAN COURSER 12.8: 1 sub-ad.; SYKES' CRESTED LARK 6.8: CB, 2 N. 1 with 2 yng, other with 2 eggs; GREY SHRIKE 8.8: CB, 2 ad., 2 yng. 12.8: 1 feeding on frog (sp.?). COMMON MYNA 16.8: CB, A pair & 2 yng in N; REDVENTED BULBUL 28.8: CB, 1 pair, 3 yng; STREAKED FANTAIL WARBLER 12.8: CB, 1 ad., 3 eggs. 14.8: 3 yng. Chick hatching to flt 16 days; PLAIN WREN-WARBLER 24.8: CB, 1 N with 4 eggs. 25.8: CB, 1 N with 1 egg. 27.8: 1 N with 3 eggs. All N in Parthenium weeds!

## MUMBAI DISTRICT

## Goregaon (IGIDR Campus)

RED SPURFOWL 16,18.9: Hrd (AP); IORA 18.9: CB. Pair feeding 1 yng (MBK); SPOTTED BABBLER 16,18.9: 3; ASHY PRINIA 16.9: CB: 1 ad., feeding 3 yng (SS).

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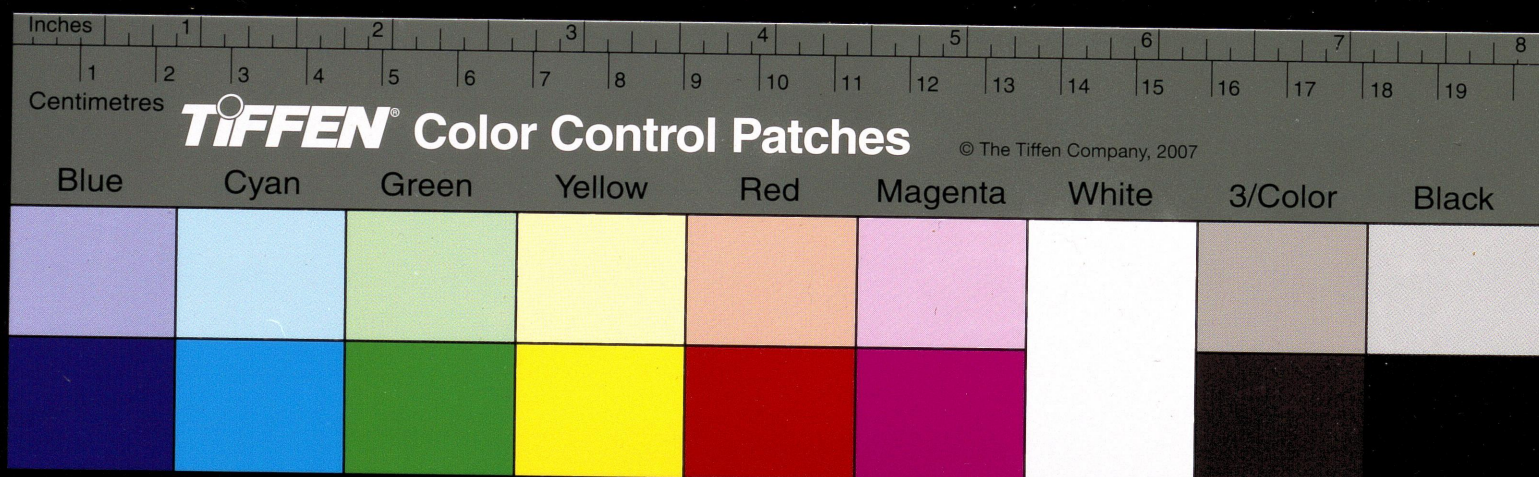
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MERLIN NATURE CLUB  
13, 8th Cross, 30th Main, JP Nagar 1st Phase, Bangalore - 560 078.

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\* \* \* WISH YOU HAPPY BIRDING '98 \* \* \*

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MID-WINTER WATERFOWL CENSUS - 1998

As you may be aware, Waterbird Count is being carried out at the lakes in and around Bangalore every January for the past eleven years. We are now in the 12th year of the Count. The following is the proposed counting schedule. Would you be interested in counting the waterbirds this year? If so, please co-ordinate with the co-ordinator of that particular day at the phone numbers listed below. Please note that the counting will last the whole day. So, get your own food, water, binoculars, field guide and cap. Your own transport will be necessary. Motivation is essential (again one's own!).

Jan 4th, Sun : Hesarghatta Tank ; Meet at Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) circle ; 8.00 am ; Co-ordinator : Mr.L.Shyamal, Tel.: 347 3692.

Jan 11th, Sun : Tailur Tank, Maddur ; Meet at City Railway Stn. at 6.30 am, on Mysore Train platform after buying your ticket to Maddur (to board the Mysore Train leaving at 7 am) ; Co-ordinator : Mr.U.Harish Kumar, Tel.: 665 5818. / MB'

Jan 14th, Wed : Thippagondana Halli Reservoir (T.G.Halli) ; Meet at the junction of Magadi Road and Chord Road at 8.00 am. Co-ordinators : Mr.N.R.Swamy, Tel.: 628 067 and Mr.L.Shyamal, Tel.:347 3692.

Jan 18th, Sun : Hoskote Tank ; Meet at Hoskote Tank Bund at 8.00 am (off 27th Km on Old Madras Rd); Co-ordinator: Mr.Hemanth, Tel.:6614278

Jan 25th Sun : Byramangala Reservoir ; Meet at Banashankari Temple on Kanakapura Rd.at 7.30 am, Co-ordinator: Mr.J.N.Prasad, Tel.:6644682

Jan 26th Mon : Varthur/Bellandur Tanks ; Meet at entrance of Airport on the Main Rd at 8 am ; Co-ordinator: Mr.U.Harish Kumar, Tel.:6655818

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Quiz : Answer to December Quiz - The bird which migrates to S.India (including Bangalore) from Africa just before the monsoon is THE PIED CRESTED CUCKOO - Prize winner is Mr.Arvind Venkatadri.

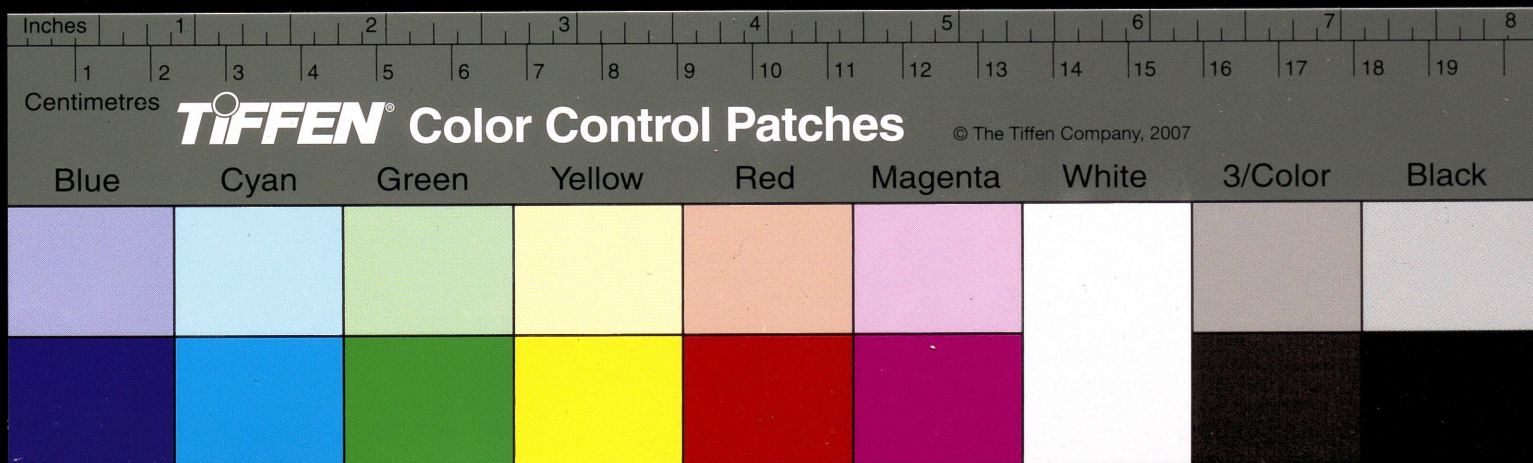
Quizzzzz....for January '98

Name any two migratory warblers which visit Bangalore during winter. (Prize is sponsored by Mr.Pratap Surana of Nature Tours & Travels).

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WE REQUEST YOU TO SEND IN YOUR MINIMUM DONATION (RS.25/- PER ANNUM) TO ENABLE US TO COVER UP XEROX & POSTAGE EXPENSES FOR MAILING BIRDPWATCHING INTIMATIONS. ALSO, PLEASE RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION (RS.50/-PER ANNUM) FOR 1998 FOR "MERLIN" QUARTERLY WHICH IS IN ITS TENTH YEAR. PAYMENTS MAY BE MADE BY CHEQUE/DD/MO FVG."MERLIN NATURE CLUB" (FOR OUTSTATION CHEQUES PLEASE ADD RS.15/- TOWARDS BANK CHARGES.

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**BIRDWATCHERS'  
FIELD CLUB OF  
BANGALORE**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BIRDWATCHERS' FIELD CLUB OF BANGALORE  
HELD ON SUNDAY, THE 29TH SEPTEMBER 1991, AT LALBAGH, TO DISCUSS  
ABOUT THE MODALITIES OF THE MID-WINTER WATERFOWL CENSUS - 1992.

BIRDWATCHERS PRESENT :- Mr. Anand Sampath, Mr. A.K. Raju, Mr. T.S. Srinivasa, Dr. S. Subramanya, U. Harish Kumar, Dr. B. K. Chakrapani, Mr. M.B. Krishna, Mr. O.C. Naveen, Mr. J. Hemanth, Mr. Subramanya Dikshitalu, Mr. Shamal, Mr. Leo. F. Saldanha, Mr. Santhamano-har.

BIRDWATCHERS ABSENT :- Mr. J.N. Prasad, Mr. S. Karthikeyan, Mr. Jayanth, Mr. Ratna Mohan, Mr. Praveen Karanth, Mr. Sukesh, Mr. B.A. Sridhara, Mr. Madhusudhan, Mr. Srinivasan, Dr. Joseph George.

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1. Letters from the Forest Department were read out to the group.
2. Regarding manpower assessment, the birdwatchers indicated in general when they would be free in January 1992. Some indicated that they would be free on weekdays, some on weekends and some on holidays. The confirmation would be available only by the end of December.
3. Regarding wetlands coverage in other districts (Mysore, Tumkur, Kolar, Mandya, etc) some birdwatchers expressed their willingness to go to other district headquarters and address a joint group of local NGOs and Forest Department officials. Points on conducting the census and also identifying waterfowl would be discussed at the meetings. Some of our birdwatchers would also be helping them out during the census.
4. The group decided that the census would be conducted extensively only if the Forest Department provided transport and that the group would not engage any private transport and handle finances.

The meeting terminated at 11.15 am.

(After the meeting, the birdwatchers met Mr. Yellappa Reddy at his residence and appraised him about the developments)

*KRM* 13/10/91  
for BWFCB.

